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SUBJ: CANADA WELCOMES MONDALE CANDIDACY

1. ALL CANADIAN MEDIA HAVE FOLLOWED DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION CLOSELY, WITH MUCH OF CONVENTION CARRIED LIVE ON CANADIAN TV NETWORKS. PRESS AND RADIO COVERAGE HAS BEEN LARGELY FACTUAL.

2. MONDALE SELECTION FOR VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY HAS RECEIVED FAVORABLE NOTICE. CP NEWS TICKET COVERAGE NOTES THAT MONDALE "IS ONE OF THE BEST INFORMED U.S. POLITICIANS ON CANADIAN AFFAIRS," THAT HE "HAD A LENGHTY LUNCHEON MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU LAST YEAR," AND HAS "SPONSORED LEGISLATION AIMED AT MANDATING CONSTRUCTION OF A CANADA-US PIPELINE TO CARRY NORTHERN NATURAL GAS TO SOUTHERN MARKETS." CBC RADIO COMMENTED THAT FOR CANADA, MONDALE PRESENCE ON TICKET PROVIDES BALANCE FROM MAN WELL-ACQUAINTED WITH CANADA TO CARTER, WHO, BEING FROM GEORGIA, LACKS SUCH INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF CANADA.

3. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL EDITORIALIZED: "CANADIANS CANNOT HELP BEING PLEASED BY THE CHOICE (OF MONDALE). MR. CARTER, A SOUTHERNER WHO HAS HAD LITTLE REASON IN POLITICAL LIFE SO FAR TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH CANADA
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OR CANADIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, WILL HAVE IN MR.

MONDALE A RUNNING MATE WHO KNOWS CANADA AND IS SEEN HERE
AS A FRIEND. ON OCCASION HE HAS BEEN A CRITICAL FRIEND -
HE DISLIKED, AND SAID SO, THE ENRGY EXPORT TAX THAT
PUSHED THE PRICE OF CANADIAN OIL EXPORTS UP TO AND EVEN
BEYOND THE LEVEL DEMANDED BY MIDDLE EAST PRODUCERS. BUT
HE HAS CONSISTENTLY FAVORED CLOSER CO-OPERATION IN
MEETING COMMON ENERGY PROBLEMS, PUSHED FOR AMERICAN
INVOLVEMENT IN A MACKENZIE VALLEY OIL PIPELINE AND BEEN
AN OUTSPOKEN SUPPORTER OF BETTER COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN
WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA."
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